Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chitttur Rural):* May I know, what the prevailing price in British part is?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What is the market price in the bazaar?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think it must be much higher than the price stated in the Schedule.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Have enquiries been made?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. We get this supply from the Tatas. That is the local price, and we are getting 25 per cent subsidy. So naturally the lacol market rate must be far above the price obtaining in the depots.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is Tata allowed to export this manure to to places outside the State.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

OFFICERS WHOSE PAY IS OVER RS. 100 PER MENSEM—NUMBER OF

156. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the total number of appointments made by the Government in the years 1117, 1118 and 1119 whose pay is over Rs. 100 per mensem;

(*b*) the names of the selected officers with the name of their community and the monthly salary drawn by each?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) & (*b*) The information so far as could be gathered is contained in the list appended. *(Appendix IV)*

WORKING HOURS IN PUBLIC OFFICES, ETC.

157. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.— the working hours in public offices, treasuries, schools, colleges and courts ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The working hours are.—

(*a*) Public offices	.. ..	11 a.m to 5 p.m.
(*b*) Treasuries	.. ..	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(*c*) Schools and Colleges	.. ..	11 am. to 5 p.m.
(*d*) Courts	.. ..	11-30 a.m. to 5-30 p.m.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know, whether at any time during the year 1119, the Treasuries were asked to work from 10 a.m.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Not from 10 a.m.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to explain the economy effected in the working of the offices working earlier than before?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The offices start work only at 11 a.m. They do not start work earlier. So I do not understand what the Hon'ble Member means.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether with the advancement of the time by one hour, the Government will have any objection to have the working started at 11-30 as in the case of courts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No. Then there is no advantage in forwarding the time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Do they work even after 5.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Some of them do.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Then why this difference with regard to the working hours of the courts and the other offices.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* If I remember right, the Bar Association put in a request that it will be in convenient to the Vakils and the litigant public to come to the courts earlier and the Government accepted their suggestion and granted the request.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will not that argument hold good in the case of persons working in other offices also.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The whole idea of forwarding the time was that there should be longer time after the office hours and the very idea will be frustrated if we go in for such kind of suggestions.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Now that the A. R. P. operations are very much reduced and restricted, can the office hours also be brought down to the same as the court hours?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* As a matter of fact the officers like the present arrangement because they get longer time after office hours.

TRANSPORT OF CATTLE—RESTRICTION REGARDING

158. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Cattle Control Order of the Madras Government has been modified so as to allow transport of cattle from British territories to Cochin State;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they please state the extent of such modifications, with the actual result thereof, favourable to the State, if any;

(*c*) whether the order applies to all cattle, *i.e.*, milch cows and she-buffaloes;

(*d*) what is the number allowed of each to Cochin State if there be any provision;

(*e*) what is the aggregate if there be no specific provision?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) & (*b*) The prohibition on the export of cattle from the Madras Province still continues; but Cochin has obtained permission to import, with effect from June 1944, 50 heads of cattle per month.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The number under each type is not specified.

(*e*) 50 cattle per month or 600 cattle per year.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Have the Government any idea as to the importation that was being done prior to the control order?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It was very much larger, about 20,000.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What will be the approximate requirement of the State per year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The requirements also are very large, much more than this.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know what the Government think of the position of the agriculturists as far as the deficit is concerned—between 20,000 and 600 per year? Formerly we were purchasing about 20,000; but now only 600 are available by the exertions of our Government. How can the agriculturists meet the situation, which affect the food problem of the State.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They have to put up with the inconveniences and the difficulties. That is all that can be said.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It was stated on the floor of this House that arrangements will be made to request the British Government to send more cattle in view of the military needs also here. I wish to know what arrangements have been made.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is as a result of those representations that this has been allowed.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Are the Government aware that there is much difficulty to get milch cattle?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, there is.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Has this order got any retrospective effect?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it not possible to get some more by representing that our needs are very inadequately met?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Unfortunately the need on the other side is equally great and that is why they conserve. This Government will be only too anxious to get more but we doubt whether we can get more.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Could not the Government make some representation and still beg for more.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* We have already made representations more than once.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Does this 600 include milch cows and buffaloes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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